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## A BATCH OF INTRIGUES.

The Bourbons, the Darien Canal and General Grant.

**Democratic Demoralization—The Solid South Begins to Gush Again—Sham Recollection—Third-Term Prospects—The National Idea—The Darien Canal—In Demand All Around.**

### A Chapter of Current Gossip.

Tell us that a ruse now exists in the Democratic ranks and that it has existed for the past ten days, is not to exaggerate the facts in the premises, for they show that demoralization has penetrated the innermost temple of Bourbonism. This condition results directly from the concession now generally made by thoughtful Democrats that the United North will carry the coming National election as against the Solid South, a concession reluctantly made, to be sure, but one that is safely based upon the prophetic inspirations of the recent elections. So long as the Opposition press deceived them with false hopes and false reports regarding the result in New York, the leaders as well as the rank and file of the Bourbon party enjoyed the delusive belief that the future had some encouraging prospects in store for them. But it is now discovered and can no longer be denied that New York has gone in the well-beaten path of Ohio and all the Northern States. And coupled with this appalling news are the echoes of the receptions accorded with such generous hospitality and earnest admiration to General Grant that their reverberations fill the air with the resistless force of a spontaneous boom.

As usual the leaders in this party are from and of the South, the section wherein political supremacy is much dearer and—by the Bourbons themselves—more important than in the Northern section, from which the Democratic and Democratic majorities must come; but at the same time the section which will receive the least direct benefit and all of the damage that may occur from a continuance of the present situation. And, also as usual, Aleck Stephan and Dr. Felton, of Georgia, are the loudest-mouthed of the entire pack, so to speak, now that they are running on a backward trail. But they do not forget their accustomed cunning nor the success of their efforts at Concessional Gush and sham Recollection. In 1879, when they put themselves in the field, it was as if they put them forward to grasp the clean and loyal hands of General Grant and his friends, and while they shout huzzas for the Nation, with the blarney kind of an N, they do the best they can to conceal the damning fact that to their greedy eyes every fold of the old flag contains an appropriation, and that they expect every prefer of good-fellowship to be granted by a pull of the pocket-handkerchief.

But there are other and more honest or straightforward schemes of graft, such as, for example, the Aleck McAlister of Misleading, a white Democrat editor, and a man who is not and cannot be looked upon as a selfish manipulator in politics, who believe that the best interests of the Southern people are safe in the hands of the sectional reorganization of parties all around. That is to say, that the Southern leaders will be the ones to receive the vote of the claimant or pensioner.

Fourth—The Sixty-Sixth ballot is, when related to the nation's shipwreck, to incur the name of "recognition" or "detectors acting under the instructions of the Committee of Pensioners." No one now harbors the notion of a national referendum with the intent of either a national or later a regional convention. According to Mr. Bentley's idea there are but sixty or seventy capable and conscientious surgeons and the same number of lawyers of equal ability in the United States, and the exercise of a remarkable omniscience, are to be selected to travel over the country during a period of sixteen years.

Third—Another and most serious objection to Mr. Bentley's plan is that it creates a political tribunal to decide upon matters which ought to be left to the judgment of the public. The tribunal from 1870 to 1872 electrocuted mouthpieces to maintain it, and the party to which it belongs, in power. Every incoming Administration has been compelled to make a new law and the new appointments, as they travel from place to place, will find plenty of converts to their way of thinking with it in mind that the growth of the民主黨 is to be measured by the vote of the claimant or pensioner.

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